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I am a veteran of the U.S. Navy. I served as an Aviation Electronics Technician and attached to the base auxiliary security force.

I was employed at Colt's Manufacturing Company as a Research and Development Test Coordinator. My responsibilities included auditing current firearm designs as well as testing new designs and materials as well as demonstration of Colt products to military and civilian customers. In this position I was a certified range officer at Fort Devens Ma, coordinator of the Colt's 30-yard test range as well as liaison to the staff at the State Police range in Simsbury CT.

I am The 3rd Vice President and Member in good standing at Rockville Fish and Game Club. NRA certified Range Safety Officer as well as an instructor in the following disciplines. Home Firearms Safety, Basic Pistol, Personal Protection in the Home, Basic Rifle and Basic Shotgun.

***Bill SB-1094: AN ACT BANNING LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES.**

I strongly oppose this bill. LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES DO NOT CAUSE OR PROMOTE CRIME!!! CRIMINALS DO!!! I am getting sick and tired of politicians KNEE JERK REACTIONS to crimes committed with firearms! The large capacity magazine did not tell OR force JARED LEE LOUGHNER to shoot anyone. That was a decision HE made and if he knew there would be an extra felony charge brought against him he would not have changed his mind and written a letter.

This bill will NOT stop OR reduce crime and will ONLY affect law abiding citizens in the state of Connecticut NOT Arizona. This bill WILL cost more money which you will undoubtedly stick your fingers deeper into MY pocket to pay for. I am a sportsman I shoot in competitions where large capacity magazines are used EVERY DAY with no one getting killed or wounded. These magazines are used by thousands of competition participants thousands of times a year for many years, once again with no fatalities or wounds.

The only benefit this bill will have is to make people who have no knowledge of firearms other than what they see in the sensationalized reports on the nightly news, designed to get higher ratings, falsely think that something useful is being done to stop crime. When all that is being accomplished is the criminalization of good moral law abiding citizens, as well as CONFISCATING personal property and constricting the rights of those same citizens to keep and bear arms for the defense of their families, their state and their country.

This bill will do nothing but cost money in a time when no one can afford to spend unnecessarily. Not only the state of Connecticut but those same law-abiding, moral citizens you will be criminalizing. The state of financial hardship in Connecticut

government should have the legislature focusing its efforts on bills that will ACTUALLY do something good for the people IT SERVES. Not spending good money after bad on bills that are useless.

This bill will harm a growing number of competitive shooting events attended by instate and out of state sportsmen who spend money at restaurants and stores, helping local economies make ends meet.

***This bill will only Further harass and burden people who obey and respect the laws (even foolish ones) of this state and nation. It will do nothing to stop or slow down criminals or crime. All it will do is harm firearms manufacturers, retailers and law abiding VOTERS. This bill will also strain this already financially strapped state and may cause even more companies as well as tax paying voters to abandon the state and move somewhere free of this oppression.**

As a Veteran, a law abiding gun owner and a proud citizen of this country I ask that, before considering future firearms legislation you educate yourselves. Ask yourselves if "criminals will be stopped or slowed by this legislation" or will it only criminalize lawful firearms owners. All bills should have a high degree of impact on crime and criminals without reducing law-abiding citizens' right to self-defense and ability to enjoy shooting sports.

Thank you

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